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Masmoudi goes on hunger strike

TUNIS, May 26 (R) — Former Tunisian Foreign Minister Mohammad Masmoudi has been on hunger strike since Saturday in protest against the government's refusal to allow him to leave the country to attend an academic conference in France. He told Reuters by telephone today that he was protesting against "the arbitrary illegal restraint" imposed on him for the past three years. Mr. Masmoudi has not been allowed to leave Tunisia since 1977, when he returned after living abroad for three years. He was dismissed from the government in 1974, after an unsuccessful attempt to unite Tunisia with the Libyan Jamahiriya.

Iran's Guards detain British journalist

TEHRAN, May 26 (R) — Mr. Nicholas Cumming-Bruce, freelance correspondent of a British newspaper, the Guardian, was detained by Revolutionary Guards today on the grounds he did not hold a valid press visa. The 30-year-old British journalist, who has covered Iran for the past 18 months, was being held for interrogation, a spokesman said. The Iranian embassy in London refused him a press visa on unspecified grounds and he was in the process of negotiating with foreign ministry officials for permission to remain in the country. Officials of the national guidance (information) ministry had meanwhile asked him to leave Iran because of the embassy ruling.

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Regional Briefs

BEIRUT, May 26 (R) — At least five people were killed and 13 wounded today in artillery shelling in the Batroun region of northern Lebanon, the right-wing Falangist Radio reported. The radio accused rival rightist militias supporting former President Suleiman Frangieh of responsibility. Earlier today, the radio said a pro-Frangieh armed group tried to infiltrate the region but was repulsed by army troops. Pro-Frangieh sources admitted there was an attempt to infiltrate pro-Falangist lines at dawn today, but said they had no information about any casualties. A leftist radio accused the Falangists of committing "aggression" against the inhabitants, saying the exchange of fire resulted in an unspecified number of casualties. Last week two people were killed in the port city of Tripoli further north in clashes between rival leftist groups.

TEHRAN, May 26 (R) — Iran's ruling Revolutionary Council decided last night to promote diplomatic relations with the Libyan Jamahiriya to full ambassadorial level, the official Pars News Agency reported. The council also reaffirmed its decision to send a commission of inquiry to Libya soon to investigate the disappearance 19 months ago of Lebanese Shi'ite Muslim leader Imam Moussa Sadr, spokesman Hassan Habibi said after last night's meeting. The Imam, a Lebanese citizen, was last seen at Tripoli airport on Aug. 31, 1978, and Libya said later he boarded a flight for Rome the same day. The Imam's luggage was delivered to a Rome hotel and officials at Fiumicino airport there found a disembarkation card in his name.

BEIRUT, May 26 (R) — Lebanon today submitted a complaint to the U.N. Security Council blaming Israel for last week's shelling of the southern port city of Sidon in which five people were killed and 11 wounded. A government spokesman said the complaint followed a meeting between President Elias Sarkis, Premier Salim Al Hoss and Foreign Minister Fuad Boutros. Israeli-backed rightist militias, controlling a 10-kilometre deep border strip, on Friday fired two shells into the centre of Sidon as "warning gifts". A church, shops and cars were damaged. Militia commander Maj. Saad Haddad had warned the Sidon inhabitants that unless they were prevented from harassing residents of the strip their city would be shelled. Dr. Hoss and some other government leaders have held Israel responsible for the bombardment. Earlier this month, a number of people were killed or wounded in Israeli land, air and sea attacks on southern Lebanon.

VIENNA, May 26 (R) — President Todor Zhivkov of Bulgaria will visit Iraq soon to heal a diplomatic crisis following the killing of two Iraqi students in a student battle in Sofia. Iraq temporarily froze relations with Bulgaria and ordered 150 Iraqi students to leave Sofia last December after the two Iraqis were killed and others injured in clashes between Iraqi communist and non-communist students in the Bulgarian capital. The Bulgarian News Agency (BTA) said today that Mr. Zhivkov would pay an "official and friendly" visit to Baghdad in the near future at the invitation of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. The announcement indicated that problems between the two countries had been overcome, apparently as a result of discussions during a visit by Bulgarian Foreign Minister Petar Mladenov to Iraq last month.

RIYADH, May 26 (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia and West Germany expressed concern today for soaring world inflation and welcomed efforts by "some countries" to curb the trend. This came in a communiqué issued after talks held here by West German Finance Minister Hans Matthöfer with his Saudi counterpart, Sheikh Mohammad Abul Khali. The communiqué said the two sides agreed "on close cooperation" to help stabilise the world monetary situation and find new ways of bridging balance of payments deficits. In Bonn, international efforts to adapt to new energy conditions should not be hampered by abrupt changes in oil supplies and prices, Mr. Matthöfer said in a statement today. The statement, issued after Mr. Matthöfer's return from Saudi Arabia, said both he and Saudi officials had stressed the need for states to adapt quickly to long-term economic realities, especially by conserving energy sources. Mr. Matthöfer and the Saudi finance minister agreed that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) should play a more imaginative role in financing balance of payments deficits, the statement said.

BEIRUT, May 26 (R) — Syrian Information Minister Ahmad Iskander has said his country is ready for any military offensive by Israel. In an interview published today in the Lebanese newspaper Al Bayraq, he said Syria was building up its defence forces as a precaution against any Israeli military aggression. "We should not discount the possibility of Israel embarking on a military move," he said. "We are taking the necessary precautions and are ready for all eventualities." Rejecting claims that Syria could not wage war without the aid of its former ally, Egypt, the minister said that, although Egypt's peace agreement with Israel had created "an additional burden," Syria could overcome any difficulties.

ATHENS, May 26 (AP) — Three Libyans were taken into custody for questioning in connection with the murder of a Libyan worker here last week, police disclosed today. Police said two of the suspects were students at technical schools in Athens, while the third is a 50-year-old man who arrived in Greece a month ago. Police refused to identify the three suspects. One police official who asked not to be identified said that evidence in hand so far indicated the three men had taken part in the murder of Abu Bakr Abdul Rahman, 23, who was found almost decapitated in his apartment in the working-class suburb of Haidari last Wednesday. There was no apparent motive for the murder, but police said that political slogans praising Libya's revolutionary regime were scratched on the wall of the murdered man's apartment.

KHARTOUM, May 26 (R) — Ethiopian head of state Mengistu Haile Mariam met Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri today for an hour of private talks. Col. Mengistu arrived in Khartoum on Saturday on a five-day official visit. The two countries are patching up relations after rows over Sudan's grant of sanctuary to refugees from Ethiopia's war against Eritrean secessionists. Mr. Numeiri said after today's talks Sudan and Ethiopia shared the goal of peace and stability in Africa. Col. Mengistu suggested in a speech on Saturday that the two countries should pool their manpower and financial and natural resources.

KUWAIT, May 26 (R) — About 80 Bahraini students today staged a sit-in at the Bahraini embassy in Kuwait in protest against their government's decision to stop paying them study grants unless they hand over their passports. Miss Muna Abbas, president of the National Union of Bahraini Students in Kuwait and one of the leaders of the protest, told reporters the students wanted the authorities either to start paying their grants again or to give them air tickets to Bahrain so they could argue their case with the government. Bahraini Education Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz Bin Muhammad Al Khalifa was quoted recently by the Kuwaiti newspaper Arab Times as saying: "We all know that most of the Bahraini students are not well up in their studies at Kuwait University and this is due to their political activities."

Soviet Union launches two-man spacecraft

MOSCOW, May 26 (R) — The Soviet Union today launched a two-man Soyuz spacecraft into orbit with a Soviet and a Hungarian cosmonaut on board. The official Tass News Agency said Valery Kubasov and Bertalan Farkas were blasted into orbit aboard the Soyuz-36 craft. Mr. Farkas, 31, was the first Hungarian and the fifth East European to join Soviet cosmonauts on flights into space since 1978. The Soyuz-36 crew is expected to dock with the Salyut-5 orbital space station, where Soviet cosmonauts Leonid Popov and Valery Wymyris are in the second month of a marathon space mission which began on April 9. Earlier brief missions have been made by East German, Czechoslovak, Polish and Bulgarian cosmonauts.



Ezer Weizman



Ariel Sharon

Socialist team ends Iran visit

TEHRAN, May 26 (R) — A three-man socialist delegation led by Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky left Tehran today after a day of talks with leaders of Iran's main political parties. A chartered jet carrying Dr. Kreisky, Swedish opposition leader Olof Palme and Spanish Socialist Party chief Felipe Gonzalez left at midnight (1930GMT). Addressing a press conference before departure, Dr. Kreisky said the mission had obtained substantial and important information, but also said that it had not been mediating between the United States and Iran.

Foreign Minister Sadeq Qotbzadeh told the press conference the visit by the three European socialist leaders had touched Iranian feelings, but repeated that it was not aimed at solving the U.S. embassy hostages crisis.

Apart from Mr. Qotbzadeh, President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr and other government figures, the three Europeans held a 90-minute session with prominent clergyman Ayatollah Mohammad Beheshti and attended a meeting of the ruling Revolutionary Council.

Dr. Kreisky later described Dr. Beheshti, leader of the hardline Islamic Republican Party (IRP), as "a strong personality, a very strong personality," but gave no details of their talks.

Dr. Kreisky, first foreign head of government to visit Iran since the revolution 15 months ago, said: "We cannot act as mediators between the United States and Iran... This is not our task... We are not able to do this."

Mr. Qotbzadeh said of the visit: "This gesture by these friends has obviously touched our feelings."

But he added: "I affirm that there has never been a question of mediation or resolution of the problem of the hostages whatsoever. It was fact-finding and I hope these facts have been found."

But speaking to reporters later, he admitted that the hostage issue

had been mentioned during the talks.

He said: "I gave them a full explanation of the efforts we have made on the hostage problem which were ruined each time by U.S. initiatives. I told them we wanted a peaceful and honourable solution."

The trip coincides with a visit by United Nations special envoy Dr. Adib Daoudy who is trying to reactivate a U.N. commission of inquiry on Iran which broke off its mission last march after failing to see the hostages.

But although the Socialist International delegation and Dr. Daoudy have been staying in the same Tehran hotel there has been no word of a meeting between them, and Dr. Daoudy said yesterday that the two missions were not linked.

Kurdish rebel leaders were reported today to have appealed to the socialist politicians to intercede with Iranian officials to stop the war in Kurdistan between government forces and autonomy-seeking Kurdish guerrillas.

Kurdish sources quoted a message from Mr. Abdul-Rahman Qassemlou, leader of the Kurdish Democratic Party, as saying: "We hope that the destiny of six million people will not attract your attention less than that of 53 hostages."

It was not known whether Dr. Kreisky and his colleagues had received the message.

The students occupying the American embassy fired volleys into the air today to chase away a helicopter flying over the mission.

A student spokesman contacted by telephone said they were not trying to shoot down the helicopter.

Security has been intensive around the embassy since the abortive U.S. rescue operation last month. The students have now dispersed throughout Iran 50 hostages they had been holding in the embassy since Nov. 4.



A Soviet helicopter carrier and a guided-missile destroyer steamed through the Bosphorus Monday en route to their home port in the Black Sea, Istanbul port sources reported. The Russian naval units were presumably returning to the Odessa naval port for refueling and regular maintenance. The passage of Soviet ships through the Turkish Strait increased recently in what sources described

as Moscow's effort to counter growing U.S. naval strength in the Indian Ocean and Gulf. On Saturday, the 9,000-ton "Dmitry Galkin", a Soviet submarine support warship sailed through the Bosphorus en route to the Mediterranean. (AP wirephoto above). The vessel, accompanied by two amphibious landing craft, carried 300 officers and sailors.

Target date passes without agreement Weizman blames Israel for stalled progress on autonomy

TEL AVIV, May 26 (Agencies) — The target date for agreement in the Palestinian autonomy negotiations passed today with no talks scheduled and no new

In his letter of resignation to Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Mr. Weizman wrote: "the way to strengthening the peace is open and broad for the government, but no one takes it. Instead of striding toward peace, we are marching in place."

Israel, Egypt and the United States—the three parties in the autonomy negotiations—say they hope to start talking again soon. If they do, all the toughest issues regarding the future of 1.2 million Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip remain to be tackled.

Mr. Weizman, a leading architect of the peace with Egypt and the Israeli negotiator most ready to make concessions to advance the talks, sent his letter today after announcing his intention to resign yesterday. His letter, released to Israel Radio, cited Israel's uncompromising policy in the talks as one of the main reasons for his resignation.

"The people believed in peace... they have not stopped believing," Mr. Weizman wrote to the prime minister. "You had a great opportunity. You missed it."

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Neil Goldschmidt visited Prime Minister Menachem Begin in occupied Jerusalem after arriving from Cairo with a message from Egyptian President Anwar Sadat expressing "determination to continue the peace process," according to Mr. Begin's spokesman.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, officials said, told Mr. Goldschmidt Israel was ready to resume the negotiations at any time. But there were no concrete proposals for starting the talks neither from Mr. Sadat nor from President Carter.

In general the target date, falling one year after the start of autonomy negotiations between Israel, Egypt and the United States, passed without any great show of the recriminations which had at one time been anticipated. Despite United States efforts to hasten the negotiations, it had long been evident there was no chance of early agreement between Israel and Egypt over the amount of self-rule to be granted to Palestinians of the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Egypt's suspension of the talks diverted some of the wrath that might have fallen on Israel over its refusal to contemplate more than minor powers for the Palestinians.

The resignation of Mr. Weizman threw a large question mark over future Israeli government policies in the occupied Arab lands.

Mr. Weizman, a former hawk who turned moderate once in government office, had long been fiercely at odds with hardline colleagues in the Israeli cabinet.

He favoured offering more generous measures of freedom to the Palestinians and he opposed mass Jewish settlement in the

heavily populated heartland of occupied Arab territories.

His resignation was provoked finally by a proposal to trim the defence budget as part of a general anti-inflation cutback.

Mr. Weizman's departure raised fears that the defence ministry post, which carries control of all occupied territory, might now go to the ultra-hardline Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, a former war hero who advocates mass Jewish settlement on occupied Arab land.

Israeli radio reporters carrying out man-in-the-street polls said there seemed to be a majority view that Mr. Sharon might be too hardline for the job.

The radio pollsters reported a greater trend in favour of the other main contender for the job. Professor Moshe Arens, chairman of the important foreign affairs and defence committee of the Knesset. Although also a hardliner, Professor Arens presents a less fanatical image than Mr. Sharon.

The Liberal Party faction of the ruling Likud Coalition decided today to formally ask Mr. Weizman to withdraw his resignation, Party Liberal sources said.

They said the liberal faction, apprehensive that Mr. Weizman's successor would tilt the balance in the cabinet away from the moderates, also passed a resolution declaring that Mr. Sharon was unacceptable to them for the defence job.

Sources close to Mr. Sharon said he considered himself the natural candidate for Mr. Weizman's job. They said his supporters had begun campaigning for him within the ruling coalition and Mr. Sharon would consider it a personal affront if he were passed over for the appointment.

Israel's chief negotiator at the autonomy talks, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, meanwhile met U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis and suggested a meeting of the three countries' chief delegates to resume the stalled negotiations, interior ministry sources said.

Mr. Weizman took only a minor part in the autonomy talks, making clear that he thought the Israeli self-rule plan was too limited to stand any chance of acceptance.

Mr. Weizman's approach to peace negotiations earned him the friendship of President Anwar Sadat and other Egyptian leaders. Many United States leaders also appeared to prefer dealing with Mr. Weizman than with Mr. Begin.

Reviewing the situation today, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, himself a hardliner, told reporters that Mr. Weizman's resignation would not affect the autonomy negotiations.

The last round of autonomy talks was at Hezlia, on the coast near Tel Aviv, three weeks ago. As in all the preceding sessions over the past 12 months no progress was made on any of the substantive issues.

The main issues included the extent of powers to be granted to Palestinians, control of security in the West Bank and Gaza and the voting rights of Arabs in occupied Jerusalem.

Israel insisted that it should retain all real power in the occupied lands and that Jerusalem Arabs should not share in autonomy.

Israeli negotiators argued that

ideas in sight, and outgoing Defence Minister Ezer Weizman placed blame for the stalled progress on Israel.

they were sticking to the Camp David summit accords of 1978 but critics charged that Israel was distorting them.

Government aides said no new proposals on autonomy have arrived from Egypt or the United States. Among diplomats there was speculation that American and Egyptian leaders might be waiting to see the new composition of the Israeli cabinet before making any fresh moves.

In a statement to reporters in Cairo, Egypt's newly appointed foreign minister, Gen. Kamal Hassan Ali, said despite the deadlock it was the parties' "duty" to resume the talks, and it was up to Israel to pave the way by halting "its cruel and inhuman treatment" of the Palestinians in occupied territories.

"Israel must understand that its continued settlement policy is in fact a threat to the daily security of Israel," Gen. Ali said, "and it should also not limit the issue of East Jerusalem only to Israel religious considerations. East Jerusalem as sacred to 800 million Muslims" in the world.

Gen. Ali said that consultations between the three countries were continuing and "results will be announced shortly."

He blamed the passing of the target date on Israel's "stubborn attitude and slow pace," and

added: "The continuation of the talks is necessary but (they) must be resumed under better circumstances."

Gen. Ali urged Israel to "correctly interpret the Camp David accords, give up the settlements policy and refrain from the inhuman treatment of Palestinians living in the occupied territories."

In choosing a successor for Mr. Weizman, Mr. Begin must take account of Mr. Sharon's powerful influence inside the Herut Party to which all three men belong.

But the six members of the middle-road Democratic Party have threatened to walk out of the coalition if Mr. Sharon is appointed.

Apart from Arens, another widely touted option would be to move Mr. Shamir to the defence post and give the foreign ministry to a member of the Liberal Party which has been pressing for greater role in the coalition.

Political sources increasingly took the view that Mr. Begin will for the time being take on the defence ministry himself, leaving day-to-day control in the hands of Deputy Defence Minister Morechai Zippori.

Mr. Weizman's resignation letter reached Mr. Begin only tonight and technically he remains defence minister for 48 hours from receipt of it.

Omani aide in Baghdad to 'remove misunderstanding'

BAGHDAD, May 26 (Agencies) — Oman's minister of state for foreign affairs, Mr. Qais Abdul-Mounim Al Zawawi, arrived in Iraq today for talks aimed at removing any misunderstanding between the two countries.

The officials Iraqi News Agency (INA) quoted him as saying the visit was an Omani initiative "with the aim of removing any misunderstanding that resulted from certain political views." He said he would also discuss during his two-day stay the formation of a permanent joint committee to ensure continued cooperation on the basis of mutual respect.

Mr. Zawawi, accompanied by Information Minister Abdul Aziz Rowass, added that he was carrying a message from Sultan Qabus Bin Said to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein dealing with the development of bilateral ties.

Oman has been criticised in some Arab quarters over its support for Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace agreement with Israel and reports that it was engaged in negotiations on granting military facilities to the United States.

No agreement between Oman and the United States has been announced, and there have been conflicting reports about whether or not the sultan's reported offer still stands.

Iraq is expected to seek Omani support for President Hussein's proposed pan-Arab charter, a document that would regulate inter-Arab conflicts and keep the superpowers out of the sensitive oil-producing region.

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Parlour game

THE COURSE pursued by the Begin regime in Israel following the resignation of Defence Minister Ezer Weizman will be a good gauge of that government's seriousness about the real issues that must be addressed if there is ever to be a peaceful resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Our expectation is that Mr. Weizman will be replaced by a hard-liner, possibly Mr. Ariel Sharon. The consequences of that could be fatal for the Begin regime itself -- several other cabinet members have threatened to resign if Sharon is appointed. A further shift to the right will also put President Sadat of Egypt in a predicament that he is already feeling with the departure of his good friend Weizman.

None of this, however, will change things very much for the Arabs as a whole or the Palestinians in particular -- even if new elections bring Labour back to power in Israel.

Mr. Weizman, who likes to point out that he grew up among Arabs in Haifa, was perhaps best described, as the liberal Guardian newspaper in Britain described him yesterday, as "among the least unpopular of Israeli political leaders among the Arabs." He is perhaps the epitome of that contradiction in terms -- a "moderate Zionist" -- and Arab leaders such as the West Bank and Gaza mayors who have had occasion to talk to him have found that his responsiveness does not really go much beyond that -- the capacity to talk to them.

His objections to settlements such as Elon Moreh, or those which Begin proposes to establish in the midst of Arab towns and cities, were made solely on the grounds that they would be difficult to defend, and not on any moral pretext.

He was one of the most ardent believers in pursuing a separate peace with Egypt at the expense of the Palestinian issue; he shares with certain Labour leaders the trendy notion of relocating the Palestinian national problem somewhere beyond the Jordan.

His resignation was predicated on his contention that Israel's military might was threatened by proposed budgetary austerity. Even if that was just a pretext for a political grandstand play, this is clearly no "dove" that we are talking about.

Weizman will no doubt be back someday, possibly through some political change of colours à la Moshe Dayan. We can't think that we will be any better off for his re-emergence than we are for his departure.

While watching the characters moving around the chessboard of Israeli domestic politics may be an amusing parlour game, we should not delude ourselves into thinking that any of this has anything to do with war or peace as far as the Arabs are concerned.

With the expiry yesterday of the autonomy talks deadline, the way is now clear for the international community to take up its responsibilities in bringing to heel an Israel that has turned its back on the stated will of that world community. It is only through that means, combined with the strengthening of the Palestinian resistance -- and not through internal Israeli politicking -- that there is any hope of ending the occupation and realising Arab rights in Palestine, and thus of really clearing the path to peace.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: While the three Palestinian exiles, Mr. Fahd Qawasmī, Mr. Mohammad Milhem and Sheikh Rajab Tamimi, continue their efforts to inform the world about their cause and about the Zionist occupation authorities' dangerous policy of expulsion practised against our people in the occupied territories, the same authorities took a new arbitrary measure on Sunday when they decided to appoint two new mayors to Hebron and Halhoul to replace Mr. Qawasmī and Mr. Milhem.

With this decision the occupation authorities have yet again challenged the U.N. Security Council resolutions demanding the return of the these exiles to their homeland and families. This time the challenge is directed at the people's right to choose the representatives who will defend their interests.

With this step it is obvious that the occupation authorities want finally to close the file on the three exiles and consign their cause to oblivion.

This is the *de facto* policy which has always been the method used by the enemy, in all its dealings with us -- whether they concern land, governments or people.

AL DUSTOUR: Arabs, both inside and outside the occupied territories, have no reason to regret the resignation of Israeli Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, or to worry that his replacement in the Defence Ministry will adopt a more extreme position.

The foundations of the Israeli policy, which is based on holding on to the occupied Arab territories, overlooking the Palestinian people's rights and ruling the Arabs there with terrorism and oppression, were laid by Mr. Weizman and his predecessor, Mr. Dayan; and this policy is advocated by the Likud and Labour Party alliance. If there has been a difference of opinion or a dispute among them, it is a difference of opinion or a dispute among them, it is a difference about form, not essence; not about the policy itself, but about its application.

The departure of Mr. Weizman from the Begin government, emptying it of what was -- according to some -- a touch of moderation, might in fact be a good thing. It ought to put an end to all the mistaken notions entertained by some people -- especially in Washington and Cairo -- that Mr. Begin's government might finally make a move towards an acceptable solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Encouraged by U.S. reception W. Bank deportees go to Geneva; will return to U.S.

Special to the Jordan Times

UNITED NATIONS, May 26 -- The three deposed West Bank leaders left New York last night for Geneva where they will address the U.N. Human Rights Commission.

While in Geneva, Mayors Mohammad Milhem of Hebron and Qadi Rajab Al Tamimi are also expected to present their case to the special committee of the General Assembly to investigate Israeli practices affecting the human rights of the population in the occupied territories. Chaired by Borut Bohte of Yugoslavia, the committee is conducting a series of meetings examining prison conditions in the occupied Arab territories and studying the Israeli press coverage of conditions in occupied areas for the first three months of 1980. The session will conclude May 30.

Mayors Milhem and Qawasmī and Sheikh Tamimi will leave

Geneva May 30 or 31 for London, where they will meet with a special committee of the House of Commons. They will return to New York and Washington June 3 for further meetings with United States leaders. They have tentative interview with Undersecretary of State Warren Christopher.

Mayor Milhem told the Jordan Times before leaving that because of the encouraging atmosphere of the American public "our mission in the United States must be continued; and that is why we are scheduled back in Washington, to make another tour in the United States for more contacts with the American public."

There were over 800 people at a pro-PLO demonstration Saturday in Schutzen Park in North Bergen, New Jersey in celebration of International Palestinian Day. Mayors Milhem and Qawasmī and Sheikh Tamimi were the main speakers. The reaction was very enthusiastic.

Nablus house sealed in retaliation for attack on bus

TEL AVIV, May 26

(Agencies) -- Israeli troops sealed up two houses and one apartment in the occupied West Bank city of Nablus in punishment for the firebombing of an Israeli bus, the military command announced yesterday.

There were no casualties in the bus incident, but the military government meted out the collective punishment in accordance with a recent "tough hand" policy in the occupied territories.

A statement alleged that the people who threw the firebombs had lived in the dwellings that were sealed up.

The policy was instituted after a Palestinian ambush on May 2, in which six Israeli settlers died and 17 were wounded in Hebron. The military government also expelled Hebron's mayor, Mr. Fahd Qawasmī. Hebron religious judge Sheikh Rajab Tamimi and Halhoul Mayor Mohammad Milhem following the attack.

On Sunday, the army appointed the deputy mayors to replace the expelled officials. Hebron deputy Mayor Mustafa Natsheh and Halhoul Deputy Mayor Mohammad Hijazi Majadeh have said they would only act as mayors until the expelled officials' return. They were unavailable for comment following the new appointments.

After the expulsions, the wives of Mr. Qawasmī and Mr. Milhem urged the deputies not to assume

the mayor's jobs, hoping to gather support against the Israeli decision.

On May 20, they filed an appeal to Israel's supreme court questioning the legality of deportation without due process and the court gave the government 45 days to justify its actions.

Meanwhile, the deportees bought their case to the United Nations which condemned the expulsions. When they attempted to return to the West Bank via the King Hussein Bridge from Jordan they were blocked and Israel said the mayors would not be allowed back.

Israeli soldier stabbed in Hebron

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 26 (R) -- An Israeli border policeman was stabbed today while on a patrol in the open market in Hebron in the occupied West Bank, military sources said.

The assailant escaped as Israeli forces closed off the area.

Sources at a hospital in Jerusalem where he was taken said he was stabbed in the shoulder and his condition was not serious.

Military sources said tonight that a curfew had been imposed on the town.

Cost of living up 1.5% in April

By a Jordan Times
Staff Reporter

AMMAN, May 26 -- A sharp 35 per cent increase in the price of tomatoes was behind a 1.5 per cent jump in the overall cost of living here during April.

According to the "Cost of Living Index Bulletin" issued by the Department of Statistics today, the prices of all commodities remained at March levels last month, except for those of food items and alcohol, which went up.

Last month's 1.5 per cent increase in the cost of living wiped out the 1.5 per cent decrease registered in March. In January, there was a slight decrease in the cost of living, while in February it went up 2.5 per cent due to a local price increase on petroleum products. Overall, the cost of living has gone up just 2.4 per cent net from the beginning of the year through the end of April. If this trend were to continue through the year, this would yield an annual inflation rate of 7.2 per cent.

However, the latest bulletin indicates that between April 1979 and April 1980, the cost of living increased by 17.6 per cent. During calendar year 1979, inflation ran at an official rate of only 11.7 per cent.

The index weights a range of consumer expenditures, including food, clothing, housing and transportation costs, and it calculates the increase (or decrease) in the average cost of each item from month to month.

The year 1975 is used as a "base year", with an assigned value of 100. The bulletin indicates that prices in April were 74.1 per cent

higher than in the base year. According to the index accounts for 48.2 per cent of expenditures, the largest category. In April prices category were up 3.3 per cent. Vegetables during the month went up 12.3 per cent and an astonishingly high cent over April 1979.

Tomatoes were the most of the high vegetable put the second most heavily a single food item, to account for 3.4 per cent of summer expenditures, which accounts for 5.2 per cent of all expenditures, is the most weighted food item.

In April a kilogram tomatoes averaged 230 fils compared to 170 fils in March. An increase marks a departure from the usual pattern in prices of tomatoes. Generally, they are high in January, then decline until September when they climb again.

The price of fruits went 4.6 per cent in April, offering the rise in prices. Alcohol went up 6 per cent last month, while prices of other categories remained flat in April 1979.

Apart from the rise in the of vegetables, price index higher than the 17.6 per cent rate were registered by April 1979 and April 1980 following categories: all items (up 25.9 per cent), and bakery products (up 22 per cent), fuels and utilities (up 10 per cent), transportation (up 10 per cent) and personal care (up 10 per cent).

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

An exhibition of photography of Jordan sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities in cooperation with the French Cultural Centre and Air France is open during office hours at the French Centre.

The Goethe Institute, in cooperation with the Faculty of Science of the University of Jordan (Department of Physics), presents an exhibition entitled "The Utilisation of Solar Energy: A task for the Future". The exhibition, organised by the Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations in Stuttgart, opens daily at 10 a.m. at the Institute.

The Fine Arts Centre of the Department of Culture and Arts presents an exhibition of drawings, paintings, sculpture, ceramics and prints at the ministry's art gallery in Shmeisani. Visiting hours are 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4-7 p.m.

A presentation of geological maps and charts of Jordan and displays of rocks and minerals are featured in an exhibition prepared by geology students at the University of Jordan. It can be seen from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the university library.

Academic Fair

Projects in the arts and sciences, nursery school through 10th grade, are being displayed at an academic fair at the American Community School's multi-purpose room, near the Royal Automobile Club at the Fifth Circle, Jabal Amman. The exhibition is open to the public during school hours.

German Film

The Goethe Institute presents a film by Michael Haneke based on a novel by Ingeborg Bachmann entitled "Drei Wege Zum See" (1976) starring Ursula Schult, Guido Wieland, Walter Schmidinger, Bernhard Wicki and Yves Beneyton. The film, subtitled in English, starts at 8 p.m.

Ballet Film

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ART REVIEW

Haven't I seen you somewhere before?"

By Sara O'Neill
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, May 26 — A strong feeling of "deja vu" will no doubt be over anyone who is a frequent visitor to Amman art exhibitions, on entering the Ministry of Culture's art gallery this week. The staff and students of the Ministry-sponsored Fine Arts Centre are holding their annual exhibition at the gallery, and the high cynics might say that the somewhat imitative and unimaginative output never really includes anything new, here the feeling is no illusion: the bulk of the students' works have indeed been seen, and very often only at that — two months ago in the Goethe Institute.

The centre's art director, Mr. Adnan Yehya, explained today that the previous show was more of a preview, and contained only of the students' work. Now can also see the work of the regular staff of the centre, and again, not all for the first time.

The painting has even come out from the wall of another show. Mr. Ibrahim Najjar's portrait of a woman, which has been on view at the Jordanian Artists' Association's 15th show, is now in the Fine Arts Centre's exhibition. Mr. Najjar, a 25-year-old, has been producing a number of new samples of his own peculiar form of pottery and sculpture.

Yasser Dawid is unfortunately represented only by two prints — beautifully made, but a good seven years old. In his oil painting of a woman carrying a pitcher on her head, he has managed to transform this painting into a theme by imbuing it with a compelling luminosity and a sense of movement.

Mr. Abdulman Masri, the centre's vice teacher — a solid but richly dull "couple" — reveals his on of elegance on a number of his students' output, although for the time being in an Amman show, one to be the centre's aspiring sculptors. Amman's succeeded in breaking new ground in this medium. The artist, Eid Abu Yousef displays a sense of reality and a sense of humour in his "couple" — assembled from parts — exhaust pipes and car parts.

Mr. Abu Yousef also expresses a sense of reality in a more traditional form of a boy sitting with his slumped forward between his hands. He and Miss Leila Hadmees, who has contributed a female figure in which the limbs flow into another to form a harmonious whole, have a fine feel for a realism and form which has so far been rarely developed here.

Today the students in some artistic manner well assured.

Mr. Qassis added that the students will have the chance next year to work in a number of different media such as iron, stone and marble.

Most of the students are obviously more at home expressing themselves graphically, and some indeed show considerable promise in this field. The high standard of their work is all the more commendable when one realises that they only attend art classes part time, in the afternoons after work when they are not at their freshest.

The most prolific, judging by the number of oils in the show bearing his name, is a 24-year-old oil servant, Mr. Isam Jaradat. In the two months since the Goethe Institute exhibition he has developed a much more mature oil technique, as witnessed by three interesting landscapes, executed with a knife.

Mr. Adnan Yehya, a student teacher, continues to produce fine drawings with a strong dramatic element, and Mr. Abdul Jalil Razem has branched out from his

promising water-colours on traditional themes to produce an individualistic ceramic sculpture.

In order to convey how the output of the centre's students has progressed in the 10 years since its establishment, works by past students are also on show. Mr. Yousef Hussein, who now works as a designer for Alia, is represented by a pencil still life whose meticulous attention to detail and thoughtful composition are mirrored in a water-colour of a similar subject by another former student, Mr. Nabil Salem, who is likewise now employed as a designer.

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Oil painting by one of the centre's teachers Mr. Ibrahim Najjar, on a Palestinian theme.

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Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
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Bank of Jordan	JD 5,000	340	12,500	12,500	12,500
Jordan Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	28214	1,620	1,580	1,620
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	1750	2,000	2,000	2,000
Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	8634	2,350	2,300	2,350
Dar Aldawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 2,000	570	4,000	3,900	3,900
Dar Al Shu'ab	JD 1,000	3000	0,950	0,950	0,950
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	5904	3,290	3,250	3,290
Arabian Investment and International Trading Co. Ltd.	JD 1,000	5000	1,100	1,100	1,100
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5,000	100	26,400	26,400	26,400
Arab Company for Aluminium Industries	JD 1,000	100	1,260	1,260	1,260
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	1038	2,000	1,960	1,960
International Construction and Investment	JD 1,000	9150	1,000	1,000	1,000
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 10,000	300	19,500	19,400	19,450
Jordan Ceramic Industries Co.	JD 1,000	1468	1,360	1,360	1,360
Jordan Glass Factories Co.	JD 1,000	300	0,850	0,850	0,850
Jordan Phosphate Mines Co.	JD 1,000	525	3,400	3,400	3,400
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5,000	2054	10,000	9,900	10,000
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NCC discusses higher educational council bill

AMMAN, May 26 (JNA) — A draft law for a Jordanian higher educational council was passed on to the educational committee of the National Consultative Council (NCC) at today's session.

Also at today's session, government replies to questions on various topics were read to the members. In answer to a question

about the status of government employees, the government's reply was according to a by-law passed in 1975, employees who do not fall within grade classification system are provided for by a special fund for which five per cent is deducted from their salaries, and the government pays seven per cent, to a pension fund.

Japan's Foreign Minister Okita due here next week

TOKYO, May 26 (Agencies) — Foreign Minister Saburo Okita will fly to Jordan for an official visit May 31-June 2, The Japanese government has announced.

Mr. Okita will hold talks with His Majesty King Hussein and the Prime Minister, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, to exchange views on a peace settlement in the Middle East, the Foreign Ministry said in an announcement.

He will also discuss bilateral economic cooperation with Jordanian officials, it said.

The Japanese foreign minister will travel from Amman to Paris to attend there a two-day ministerial meeting of the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and

Development.
Mr. Okita will also visit Italy for talks with his Italian counterpart, Mr. Emilio Colombo, before returning to Tokyo June 7, the announcement said.

The Chairman of Japanese armed forces joint staff council, Gen. Goro Takeda, left Amman tonight after a two-day visit to Jordan. He had met with a number of government and army officials and will tour army positions. Today he was received by the Commander-in-chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces, Lt Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker. Gen. Takeda is accompanied by a delegation of several army officers.



AMMAN, May 26 (JNA) — His Majesty King Hussein yesterday patronised a celebration held at the Martyr's Monument on the occasion of Independence and Army Day. The King was accompanied by His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the prime minister and other officials, as well as the commander-in-chief of the armed forces and high ranking army officers. During the celebration, the King decorated a number of officers in recognition of their services.

Handicrafts of deaf children: An intriguing chaos

By Norah Barger
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, May 26 (JT) — A three-day handicrafts exhibition this week gave an uncommon glimpse into the world of deaf children.

Held at the Haya Arts Centre, the exhibition featured artwork and handicrafts done by the three-to-eight-year old students of the Queen Alia Centre for the Hearing Impaired in Ruseifa. A number of the youngsters, dressed in green uniforms bearing the school's emblem — an ear crossed by the olive branch of peace —

were on hand.
The crayon drawings and paintings mostly featured intriguingly chaotic backgrounds, perhaps inspired by the children's inability to understand the world of speech around them. One included an aeroplane and a helicopter dropping bombs, a rather unusual theme for a child in this young age category. Even the more common themes of houses, vehicles, flowers and children expressed the same sense of chaos. An exception was a drawing of a mosque at night with a half moon hanging overhead in a serene sky.

Boxes and containers were put together and covered with crepe to form sculptures including a gigantic turtle and an almost life-sized bedouin. Other works on display included ceramic objects cups, plates, etc. A horse-drawn cart — which appeared to be a joint effort of two children — and a bearded man on a donkey represent exceptionally mature efforts in the medium of clay.

The Queen Alia Centre for the Hearing Impaired started its work a little over a year ago. It now has 30 boarders and 50 day students, according to Mr. Abid Jadallah, the centre's director. Some 15

teachers give instruction in sewing, handicrafts and sports, and give speech therapy and diagnosis.

The pieces on exhibition were for sale at prices ranging from JD 1 to JD 75. While these might seem a bit steep, it must be remembered that the proceeds go to fund the society, which hopes eventually to establish four other centres for the deaf.

The need is very great, Mr. Jadallah said. Jordan has about 5,000 deaf people, 3,000 of whom are children. There are only five centres for the deaf in the country, which among them have places for only 400 children.

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Turkey steps up foodstuff exports to Iran

ISTANBUL, May 26 (AP)—Turkish exporters have stepped up their shipments of much-needed foodstuffs, including wheat, to neighboring Iran in the wake of a Western economic blockade against Tehran, a Turkish newspaper reported today.

In a survey appearing in its economic news column, the daily *Hurriyet* reported that "Turkish goods started to invade the Iranian markets at a time of intensified economic blockade enforced by the United States and its European allies."

The largest-circulated newspaper reported that a 128-truck capacity transportation company was set up to handle the shipment of Turkish goods to Iran.

Hurriyet said about 1,000 tons of wheat are being freighted to

Iran aboard international trucks, and Turkish battery companies benefited from a halt in sales of Japanese products.

Although there is no "formal" agreement for the sale of preserved foodstuffs, Turkish brands have flooded stores and groceries in the Iranian capital recently, *Hurriyet* said.

Officials of a detergent factory and a meat processing facility said they have concluded agreements for sales amounting to \$25 million.

The daily quoted Iranian revolutionary authorities as saying they are hopeful that Muslim Turkey will meet Iran's requirements for badly-needed food items.

Hurriyet listed the most scarce items in Iran as macaroni, preserved foods, sugar, meat, milk,

glass, all kinds of electronic equipment, cables, insulation materials, electrical installation components, construction materials, public health items, clothing and ready-made dresses and suits.

The daily also reported that they railway linking Turkey and Iran across a border-point in the rugged eastern region was closed recently because of a new round of hostilities between autonomy-seeking Kurdish rebels and Iranian government troops.

More than 2,000 freight cars are stranded at various stations in the area, awaiting clearance by Iranian authorities, *Hurriyet* reported.

Turkey has officially announced that it will not join economic sanctions against Iran.

Morocco's phosphate output 20m T

PARIS, May 26 (INPA)—Morocco's production of phosphates reached a record 20 million tonnes in 1979 — an increase of four per cent over the previous year — while phosphate exports were up by 3.5 per cent from 17,264 million tonnes in 1978 to 17,867 million tonnes last year, the latest figures from the Moroccan Phosphates Office show.

Mining in Morocco generally comprises a very important part of the country's economy representing 60 per cent of its exports in tonnage and 45 per cent in terms of value. Mining also provides jobs for some 40,000 people.

Moroccan phosphate reserves are estimated at 57,800 million tonnes — about 75 per cent of the total world reserves. Moreover, these deposits have the advantage of being sited close to the coast and thus to the European markets which, because of intensive and varied agricultural industries, are an important consumer-zone.

In the 1978-80 three year plan, a total of 2,661.6 million dirhams (about \$685.7 million) was allocated to the phosphates office for the development of both its poten-

tial and its production.

Quantities of phosphates on the home market, meanwhile, have increased steadily from 510,000 tonnes in 1975 to 1.85 million tonnes in 1978 — an increase of 263 per cent. This followed the marketing of phosphates in the form of phosphoric acid and fertilizer, a phosphates office policy which resulted in an increase of 30 per cent in the tonnage of phosphates treated for marketing in Morocco.

With the coming into production of the phosphate-2 plant in the immediate future, 1.7 million tonnes of ore a year from Ben Guerir will be handled at the plant. Meanwhile, new installations planned for 1983 include the phosphate-3 plant at Jorf Al Asfar. The various chemical plants will then be able to treat 7.5 million tonnes of phosphates a year.

Meanwhile, in other sectors of its mining industry Morocco has seen progress in the mining of lead which constitutes two-thirds of the overall metal mining. Production of lead concentrate increased from 99,000 tonnes in 1976 to 167,000 tonnes in 1978. Sales of

lead concentrate were up from 71,239 tonnes in 1976 to 120,000 tonnes in 1978 (a 68 per cent increase) with an increase in value from sales of 164 per cent to 173 million dirhams (some \$44.6 million).

Production of iron, however, which is all exported, fell heavily from 407,000 tonnes in 1978 to only 61,700 tonnes last year. Copper production also dropped with sales falling nearly 54 per cent between 1976 and 1978; the result was that mines at Bousskour and Talaat N'ouane were closed down and production at Taansift ceased at the end of 1978.

The overall value of various mineral exports which has already gone up in 1977 leaped from 188.6 million dirhams (\$48.6 million) to 236.5 million dirhams (\$61 million) in 1978 largely due to increased revenues from the sale of cobalt. Market prices for cobalt went up considerably in 1978 because of the fighting in Shaba province of Zaïre from where, in normal times, more than half the world's cobalt comes.

All in all Moroccan mines contributed 5.6 per cent to the country's Gross National Product.

Lebanon poised to end 'crisis'

PARIS, May 26 (INPA)—Lebanon currently has more money on deposit in its bank than in the boom year of 1974, according to Lebanon's ambassador to France.

Mr. Boutros Dib. He placed the figures in excess of 16,000 million Lebanese pounds (over \$5,000 million) and looked on this as a pointer to a national will to put the country back on its feet again.

Mr. Dib, a former rector of

Lebanon university and a former envoy to the Vatican, said the Lebanese had a profound desire to put an end to the country's present difficult situation. He made no attempt to predict how long this re-establishment would take but acknowledged that it was a problem for the Lebanese themselves to solve.

He said that Lebanese exports were again flowing, which proved

that the industrial mechanisms of the state were still functioning. The Lebanese had never stopped working, and had not gone begging for aid, Mr. Dib said, but had worked outside the country and sent money home. This had helped to maintain the relative value of the Lebanese pound on international currency markets. It was important now that economic activity took off again in Lebanon itself.

Economic News Briefs

India's trade gap rises to \$2.8b

NEW DELHI, May 26 (AP)—India's imports jumped 24.6 per cent in 1979-80 over the previous financial year, resulting in an all-time high trade deficit of \$2.79 billion, according to official statistics released today. Exports registered an increase of only 8.21 per cent over the previous year.

In 1979-80 India's exports totalled \$7.5 billion and imports \$10.29 billion while in the previous financial year the figures were \$6.93 billion and \$8.26 billion respectively.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said last week that higher oil prices have fuelled the trade deficit. She said her government had had to cut development plans because of two oil price hikes earlier this year by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Indian oil imports reached nearly \$8.3 billion last year.

S. Arabia, Pakistan to set up investment co

BAHRAIN, May 26 (R)—Saudi Arabia and Pakistan will sign an agreement this week setting up a jointly-shared \$100 million investment company, the official Saudi Press Agency said today.

The agreement will be signed during a three-day visit to Pakistan by the Saudi Finance and National Economy Minister, Saad Mohammed Ali Abul Khail, starting June 3, the agency said. The Saudi minister will sign another agreement giving Pakistan a soft loan of \$6 million to finance development of the Tazeh dam on the Indus river, the agency said.

Sheikh Mohammad and Pakistani Finance Minister Ghulam Ishaq Khan will hold talks on fostering economic relations between the two countries.

Mitsubishi wins \$73m order from S. Arabia

TOKYO, May 26 (R)—Japan's Mitsubishi Electric Corporation said today it has won a 16.1 billion yen (\$73 million) order from the Electricity Corporation of Saudi Arabia for power transmission substations to be built at 12 places in the Qasem district about 450 kilometres northwest of Riyadh.

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FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, MAY 27, 1980

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You have a considerable amount of resourcefulness and ingenuity now which you can use to advantage by an effective new course of action.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Keep promises you have made to the letter and this brings you fine benefits now. Handle business matters wisely.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Cooperating more with associates leads to greater success at this time. Use your ingenuity now and get ahead.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Concentrating on work now has to be done is wise, so put aside other matters for the present. Strive for greater happiness.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Take time in the morning to make plans for amusements with friends the evening, then get busy at regular duties.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Improve conditions at home where is greater comfort and contentment there. Express happiness at work and at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Discuss mutual activities with allies and come to a better agreement. Take no risks with your reputation at this time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Study your monetary position and know how best to proceed in the future. Don't neglect to pay important bills.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Know what your true desires are and then go after them in a positive manner. Seek financial advice you need from expert.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Good day to concentrate on and make plans to gain your finest aims. The beginning is fine for the social side of life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Looming large on the horizon is a new plan which a clever friend suggests and is willing to help you gain new benefits.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Carry through with the expectations of family members and gain their devotion. You can advance now in career activities.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Find new ways to expand your line of endeavor. An influential person can be of assistance to you at this time.

JORDAN TIMES SPORTS ROUNDUP

Notts. Forest counts on Germans' 'predictability' in European Cup final

LONDON, May 26 (AP)—Nottingham Forest flew to Madrid today for the European Cup final but star forward Stan Bowles was absent. Forest defends Europe's premier club soccer trophy against Hamburg SV of West Germany Wednesday night but Bowles, who is in dispute with the club, will not play.

Bowles, 31, last week missed a training trip and called Manager Brian Clough "a soccer dictator" but no reasons were given for his non-appearance at the airport. Forest, which defeated Malmö of Sweden 1-0 in last year's final, is also without current England international forward Trevor Francis, who is injured. Clough is likely to name teenager Gary Mills as Francis' replacement.

Assistant Manager Peter Taylor said before the team's departure: "Hamburg is a good match for us, but we have the players to outwit them. The Germans are more predictable than Real Madrid would have been, so that is in our favour."

Taylor predicted an attractive match. "With the best of English and West German soccer it should be a real showpiece," he said. Forest is aiming to keep the European Cup in England for the fourth successive year. Liverpool lifted the trophy in 1977 and 1978.

The likely Forest line-up are Peter Shilton, Viv Anderson, Frank Gray, John McGovern, Larry Lloyd, Kenny Burns, Martin O'Neill, Ian Bowyer, Gary Birtles, Gary Mills, John Robertson.

Italian soccer team found 'not guilty'

MILAN, Italy, May 26 (AP)—Italy's soccer "court" today cleared the mighty Juventus team of Turin of any involvement in a nationwide game-fixing scandal, but suspended from play for three years Bologna's famous striker Giuseppe Savoldi.

It was the second round of sentences handed down by the disciplinary commission of the soccer league. In its first sentences the "court" relegated to the second league A.C. Milan, which won the 1979 title, and Paolo Rossi, the national team's star striker, was suspended from play for three years.

In addition to Juventus, the main defendant, the court in its latest decision also acquitted the team's president and coach Giovanni Trapattoni. Juventus has won the league title 18 times, a record. Juventus could have been dropped to the second division if found guilty of a charge of pre-arranging a 1-1 tie in a match with Bologna last January to benefit an illegal betting group.

Bologna itself was penalised five points at the start of the next season for allegedly rigging a game with Avellino in February. Another Bologna player, Carlo Petrini, was suspended from play for another three years while Bologna's President Tommaso Fabbretti got a 3-year suspension.

German football roundup

BONN, May 26 (R)—Results of West German First Division football matches played last weekend were as follows:

Bayer Leverkusen	2	Hamburg SV	1
Werder Bremen	0	1.FC Cologne	5
Bayer Uerdingen	3	Eintracht Frankfurt	2
Münich 1860	3	1.FC Kaiserslautern	2
Borussia Dortmund	3	MSV Duisburg	1
Fortuna Düsseldorf	4	Hertha BSC Berlin	0
VfO Stuttgart	1	Bayern Munich	3
Eintracht Brunswick	0	Borussia Mönchengladbach	3
Schalke 04	1	VfL Bochum	0

22 nations compete in Acropolis Motor Rally

ATHENS, May 26 (AP)—The Acropolis Motor Rally, one of the toughest annual tests for men and machines, started here today with 150 crews from 22 countries.

The rally covers 2,744 kilometres throughout Greece. Of the course, only 1,520 kilometres are on asphalt highways, the remaining distance being over dirt and gravel roads winding through mountainous areas. The course also includes 56 special stages covering 965 kilometres, only 65 kilometres of which are over paved roads.

Competitors got underway from the foot of the Acropolis hill and will finish at the Panathenian stadium, site of the first modern Olympic Games in 1896, on Thursday night. First to cross the starting line were Sweden's Björn Waldegaard and co-driver Harry Thorszelius, last year's winners, in a Mercedes Benz 450 SLC. They were followed by France's B. Darniche and A. Mahe in a Lancia Stratos.

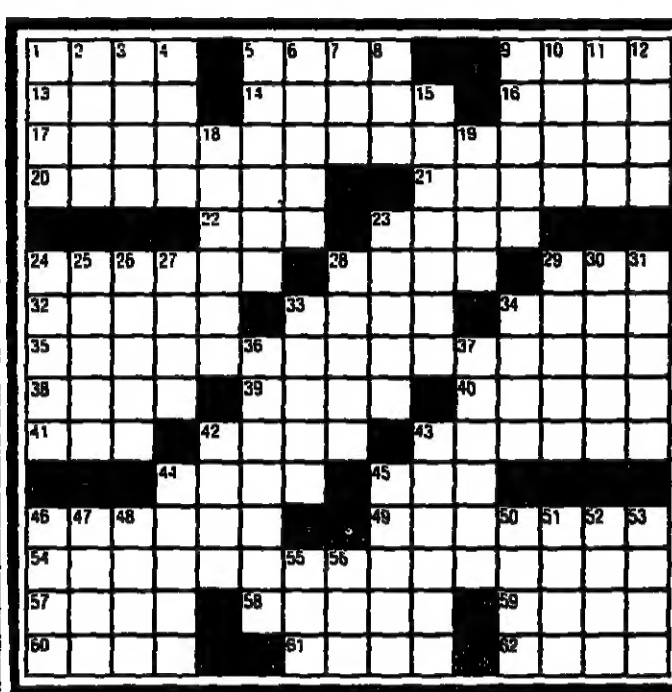
Meanwhile, the world's top racing car manufacturers today announced the launch of a new safety drive. In a bid to provide grand prix drivers with more protection the Formula One Constructors' Association (FOCA) announced a number of new safety regulations.

High speed crash tests are to be carried out on a car from every championship team, safety secrets are to be shared, an accident file is to be started and a two-year strengthening programme instituted to make future grand prix cars tougher.

Mr. Bernie Ecclestone, FOCA chief executive, said: "We have agreed to set up a safety committee of top engineers - Colin Chapman of team Lotus, Mauro Forghieri of Ferrari and Gordon Murray of Brabham - to mastermind the new programme." Mr. Ecclestone said that drivers had been consulted "every step of the way."

THE Daily Crossword by Jack L. Steinhardt

ACROSS	24 Mountain nymphs	46 Toward the rear	19 "— Rider"
1 "— Here to Eternity"	28 Teapot cover	49 Frog to be	23 Wanderer
5 Israeli statesman	29 Elec. unit	54 Phrase indicating courage	24 Minor gems
9 Ohio city	32 Offering or pipe	57 Perjury	25 Adjust
13 Great review	33 Ibid	58 River in France	26 Bridge positions
14 Cubes	34 "It's —!"	59 Open	27 "Four Saints in Three —"
16 Sufficient, as of yore	35 Phrase indicating muscular might	60 Cuttlefish fluids	28 Baiting enclosures
17 Phrase indicating visual	38 permits	61 Beverage	29 Touches
20 Stretchable	39 Thin as a —	62 Items for Kilby	30 Much in music
21 Display stands	41 Aves.	1 Stew	31 Massive gateway
22 Snigger's catch	42 Lime and lemon	2 Cornedienne	32 Curl one's lips
23 Fit, in a way	43 School item	3 Marthe	33 Lincoln and others
	44 Burrow	4 Baker's need	36 Number
	45 Scion	5 Army food	37 Routine outline
		6 Roman officials	42 Swiss river
		7 Singer	43 Casual shoe
		8 Theodore	44 Glass
		9 Expert	45 Horns
		10 Scholastic group: abbr.	46 Hun king
		11 Part of LCM	47 Leg part
		12 "Bus Stop" playwright	48 Shippable wood
		13 Hood's honey	50 Asset
		14 Overwhelms	51 Swine sound
		15 Ragweed	52 City in Italy
		16 Schubert	53 Slaughter
		17 output	54 Plunder
			56 Join firmly



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knowing full well that other actions might work out better.

1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠K10 ♠A953 ♠Q874
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South
1 ♠ 1 ♠ ?
What action do you take?
A.—You have some scattered values, but nowhere near enough to bid at the two-level, so you will have to forget about your five-card spuit. If you want to bid, the only action that comes into consideration is one no trump, which is not forcing. Since your spade stopper is shaky, however, we would suggest a pass—but it's close.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠Q65 ♠Q92 ♠K10983 ♠82
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South
1 ♠ 1 ♠ ?
What action do you take?
A.—You have some scattered values, but nowhere near enough to bid at the two-level, so you will have to forget about your five-card spuit. If you want to bid, the only action that comes into consideration is one no trump, which is not forcing. Since your spade stopper is shaky, however, we would suggest a pass—but it's close.

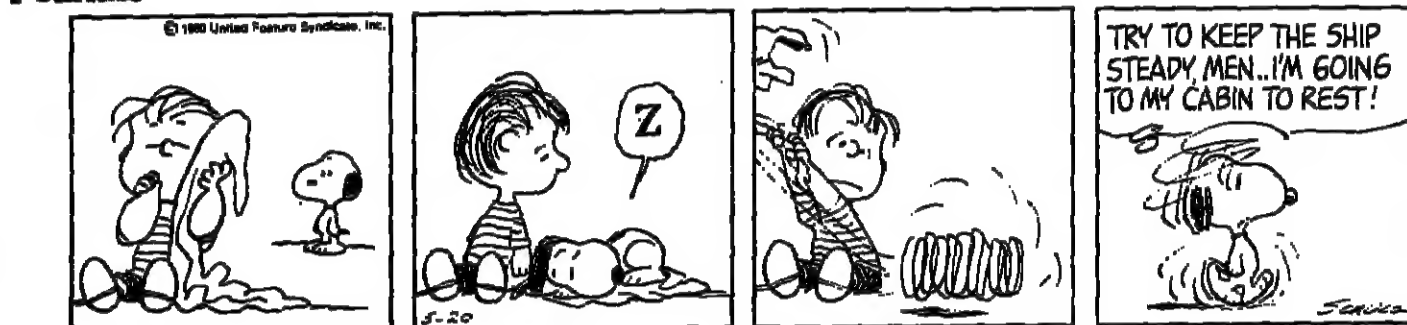
2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠106 ♠K10854 ♠Q62 ♠95
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South
1 ♠ 1 ♠ ?
What action do you take?
A.—You have some scattered values, but nowhere near enough to bid at the two-level, so you will have to forget about your five-card spuit. If you want to bid, the only action that comes into consideration is one no trump, which is not forcing. Since your spade stopper is shaky, however, we would suggest a pass—but it's close.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠J76 ♠Q862 ♠Q8 ♠KJ93
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South
1 ♠ 1 ♠ ?
What action do you take?
A.—With a better than expected hand opposite a partner who has made a vulnerable takeout double in the immediate seat, you should not permit the opponents to buy the hand at the two-level. Bid three clubs, and allow partner to take preference to one of your suits.

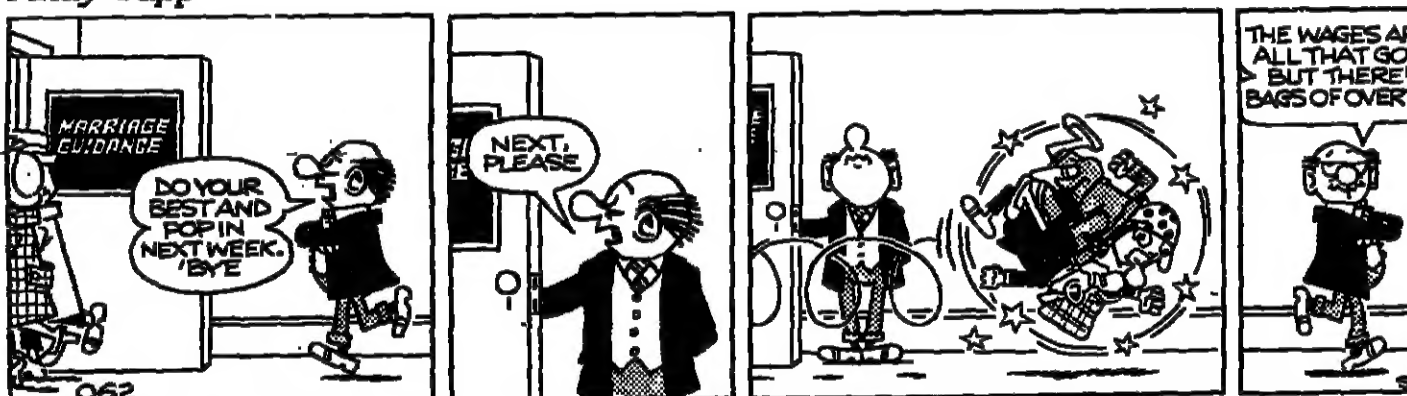
3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠J1074 ♠2 ♠Q98 ♠AKQ87
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South
1 ♠ 1 ♠ ?
What action do you take?
A.—A very difficult problem. If partner has the right and, you could make a slam club, but if he doesn't, even five clubs might prove too much. You could also pass and take a certain penalty, but this is unlikely to compensate you for a vulnerable game. In view of the excellent source of tricks in the club suit and a secure spade stopper, we would bid three no trump as a compromise.

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠8752 ♠63 ♠AKJ6 ♠AK10
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South
1 ♠ 2 ♠ ?
What do you bid now?
A.—Partner cannot have much outside the heart suit, so he must have at least six good hearts to overcall vulnerable at the two-level. Since partner has promised six tricks with hearts as trumps and you are delivering four more, don't worry about your trump support—just bid four hearts. We would make this bid even if we had only a singleton heart.

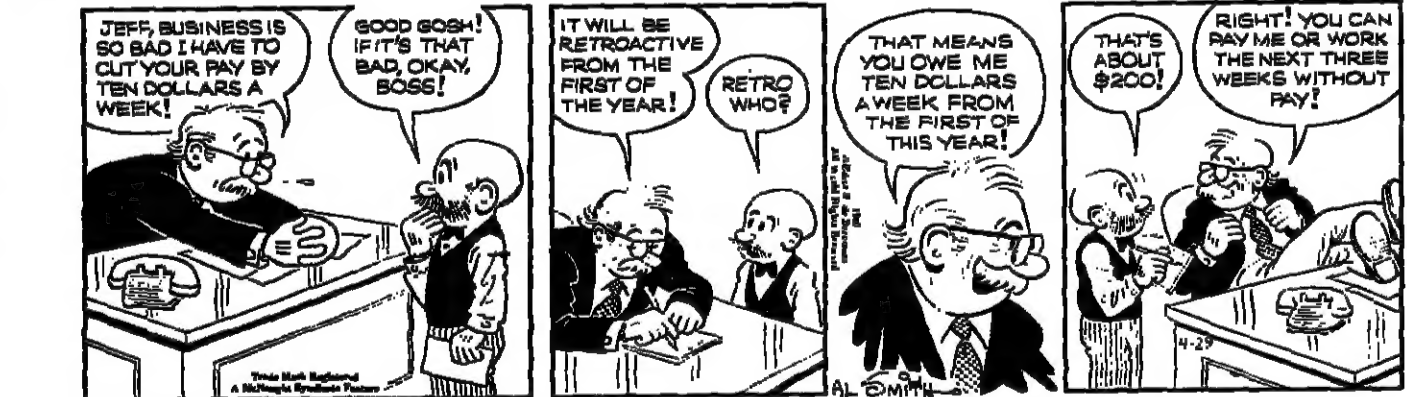
Peanuts



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8:30	Korax
8:45	Cartoons
9:10	Spacie adventures
9:30	Little House
7:50	Local programme
8:40	News in Arabic
9:30	Arabic series
9:30	Wrestling
10:45	Low Grant
11:30	News in Arabic
CHANNEL 4	
6:30	French programme
7:50	News in French
7:50	News in Hebrew
8:30	Comedy
9:30	The Secret Army
10:40	News in English
11:10	Min of the North
10:45	Low grant

